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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. THE TRUDEAU VISIT

EMBASSY OTTAWA EVALUATES PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO THE US AS REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL. TRUDEAU ACHIEVED THREE OBJECTIVES:

--DEVELOPING A CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT;

--ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN RESOLVING OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES; AND

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--STRENGTHENING HIS DOMESTIC POLITICAL POSITION AND THE CAUSE OF CANADA'S FEDERALISTS.

THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT TRUDEAU WAS LESS SUCCESSFUL IN ALAYING CONCERNs WITHIN THE US ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CANADIAN UNITY, AND OBSERVES THAT CANADA'S OWN INTERNAL WEAKNESSES

MAY SPUR IT TO REVIVE THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" CONCEPT IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL) OTTAWA 1243 AND 1239, 3/3.)

2. FRENCH FACING DJIBOUTI DEBACLE

ELYSEE AFRICAN ADVISOR RENE JOURNIAC TOLD EMBASSY PARIS ON MARCH 2 THAT TALKS AMONG THE VARIOUS DJIBOUTI FACTIONS IN PARIS HAD RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD APRIL 24 AND ON GRANTING INDEPENDENCE BY THE END OF JUNE. HE ADDED THAT:

--THE DJIBOUTI REPRESENTATIVES, ALL OF WHOM ARE PRO-SOMALI, HOPE FRANCE WILL MAINTAIN A MILITARY PRESENCE AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

--ETHIOPIA IS ATTEMPTING TO DISRUPT THE TALKS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THIS, AND PLANS TO DECLARE A SEPARATE AFAR STATE AFTER THE FRENCH WITHDRAWAL.

--FRANCE IS WILLING TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT TROOP LEVEL (ABOUT 6,000) TO FORESTALL VIOLENCE, OR TO REDUCE IT TO A SMALL TRAINING CADRE, BUT NOT TO MAINTAIN AN INTERMEDIATE FORCE.

JOURNIAC WAS EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF ETHIOPIA'S POLICY TOWARD DJIBOUTI AND BEMOANED THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANYONE IN ADDIS WITH WHOM THE FRENCH CAN CONDUCT SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: SUPPORT IN FRANCE FOR KEEPING TROOPS IN DJIBOUTI IS ALMOST NIL. WITH LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS APPROACHING IN ONE YEAR, ANY GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO IF FACED WITH LOCAL DISTURBANCES THREATENING FRENCH LIVES. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 6303, 3/3.)

3. HUMAN RIGHTS AND LATIN AMERICA

A. CRITICISM FROM URUGUAY

IN A TELEVISED PRESS CONFERENCE, FOREIGN MINISTER ROVIRA CHARACTERIZED THE US POSITION LINKING MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO A COUNTRY'S PERFORMANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISSUE WOULD NOT ALTER US/URUGUAYAN RELATIONS. A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT:

--ROVIRA'S STATEMENT WAS SIMPLY A NOTICE TO A FRIENDLY

GOVERNMENT THAT URUGUAY'S SOVEREIGNTY HAD BEEN VIO-LATED.

--HOW FUTURE RELATIONS DEVELOP DEPENDS ON THE USG.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE MEASURED TONE OF ROVIRA'S REMARKS INDICATES THAT URUGUAY HOPES TO PREVENT THIS INCIDENT FROM DEVELOPING INTO ANYTHING WORSE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S MODERATION MAY NOT BE REFLECTED IN THE MILITARY, WHERE HARDLINERS ARE SAID TO HAVE SEIZED UPON THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY THE US POSITION. THEIR REACTION COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY.

B. MASSACRES IN NICARAGUA?

AMBASSADOR THEBERGE MET WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA ON MARCH 2 TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER NEW CHARGES BY AMERICAN CAPU-
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CHIN PRIESTS OF RECENT MASSACRES OF PEASANTS BY THE NATIONAL GUARD. SOMOZA CATEGORICALLY DENIED THE CHARGES, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT SOME INNOCENT PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE PAST IN CROSSFIRE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND GUERRILLAS. HE SAID US SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS ACCEPTABLE IF NOT PUSHED WITH EXCESSIVE ZEAL, BUT HE WARNED THAT PUBLIC PRESSURE AND CRITICISM COULD:

--ALIENATE FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS;

--ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM; AND

--ADVERSELY AFFECT US COMMERCIAL AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SOMOZA SEEMED DISTURBED BY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. HE EXPECTS RENEWED EFFORTS BY HIS ENEMIES TO MOUNT AN ANTI-SOMOZA CAMPAIGN TIED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS THEME. HE SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN INVESTIGATING THE CAPUCHIN CHARGES.
(SECRET) MANAGUA 1032 AND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MONTEVIDEO 876, 3/3.)

4. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS ATTACKS FRG

EMBASSY NICOSIA REPORTS THAT THE PRO-GOVERNMENT CYPRIOT PRESS HAS BEGUN A CONCERTED ATTACK ON THE "ANTI-CYPRIOT ATTITUDE OF THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT." RECENT NEWS STORIES ALLEGE THAT:

--CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT REGARDS MAKARIOS AS AN OBSTACLE

TO A CYPRIOT SETTLEMENT AND WANTS HIM TO QUIT POLITICS.

--BONN IS WILLING TO MEET ALL TURKISH ARMS REQUIREMENTS IF THE US DOES NOT LIFT ITS EMBARGO.

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--THE FRG EMBASSY IN NICOSIA ENGAGES IN "PROVOCATIVE" PRO-TURKISH, ANTI-MAKARIOS ACTIVITIES.

--THE FRG MEDIA FAVORS GLAFKOS CLERIDES AS PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: IT IS NEARLY INCONCEIVABLE THAT SUCH UNANIMITY OF SUBJECT AND TREATMENT COULD OCCUR WITHOUT HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT ORCHESTRATION. AMONG POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS:

--MAKARIOS HAS NEVER WELCOMED SUGGESTIONS THAT HE RESIGN, AND THE PRESS CAMPAIGN REFLECTS HIS DISPLEASURE WITH SCHMIDT'S ALLEGED SUGGESTION.

--SINCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION THE US IS EVOLVING FROM WHIPPING TO GOLDEN BOY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SUGGESTED THE FRG AS A SUBSTITUTE TARGET FOR THE TRADITIONALLY LEFTIST AND ANTI-AMERICAN PRESS.
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) NICOSIA 597, 3/2.)

5. IMELDA MARCOS: IS NOTHING SACRED?

THE AMERICAN JESUIT PRIEST WHO HAS LONG ACTED AS CONFESSOR TO IMELDA MARCOS, WIFE OF THE PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT, TOLD AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN THAT MRS. MARCOS HAD DROPPED HIM AND WOULD NO LONGER ACCEPT SPIRITUAL COUNSELING. HE BELIEVES SHE HAS NOT REPLACED HIM BECAUSE SHE FEELS SHE NO LONGER NEEDS INTERCESSION FOR DIVINE COMMUNICATION. THE PRIEST EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HER MIND HAS "SLIPPED ITS MOORINGS," CITING HER PRACTICE OF GATHERING HIGHLY-QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS FOR ALL NIGHT-SESSIONS DURING WHICH SHE SETS FORTH HER SIMPLISTIC VIEWS AS REVEALED TRUTH, BROOKING NEITHER DEBATE NOR CRITICISM. (CONFIDENTIAL) MANILA 3061 (LIMDIS), 3/2.)

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6. CZECHOSLOVAK DISSIDENT SENDS OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT

CARTER

EMBASSY PRAGUE REPORTS THAT PAVEL KOHOUT, A WELL-KNOWN DISSIDENT PLAYWRIGHT AND SIGNER OF "CHARTER 77," HAS GIVEN THE EMBASSY AN OPEN LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN WHICH HE ENTHUSIASTICALLY PRAISES THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN A COVERING LETTER, KOHOUT REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT DETERMINE THE TIME AND METHOD BY WHICH THE OPEN LETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PRAGUE 566 AND 567 (EXDIS), 3/4.)

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